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FACTORIES; HARDLINE ON ISRAEL

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BEGIN SUMMARY: QADHAFI'S ANNUAL REVOLUTION DAY SPEECH SEPTEMBER 1 CAUSED LITTLE EXCITEMENT IN TRIPOLI. MOST NOTABLE FEATURE WAS HIS CALL TO WORKERS TO SEIZE THEIR FACTORIES IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A KEY FACET OF HIS "GREEN BOOK" ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, QADHAFI REITERATED  
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LIBYA'S REJECTIONIST STAND ON THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AND REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE GREAT SEPTEMBER FIRST REVOLUTION," COLONEL QADHAFI DELIVERED A SEVENTY FIVE MINUTE ADDRESS IN DOWNTOWN TRIPOLI THE NIGHT

OF SEPTEMBER 1 (LAST NIGHT OF RAMADAN). IN A DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE, HE READ HIS REMARKS FROM A PREPARED TEXT, ALTHOUGH AT TIMES HE REVERTED TO HIS MORE COLORFUL EXTEMPORANEOUS STYLE. AUDIENCE RESPONSE WAS MUTED, DESPITE THE LOUD CHANTING OF THE OMNIPRESENT CLACK. GREATEST PUBLIC APPLAUSE WAS SAVED FOR HIS STRIDENT ATTACKS ON ISRAEL AND THE CAMP DAVID TALKS AND FOR HIS UNFLATTERING BUT HUMOUROUS COMPARISONS OF THE AMERICAN F-5 WITH THE MIG 25.

2. DOMESTIC THEMES DOMINATED THE SPEECH. QADHAFI EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THAT POWER COULD ONLY BE EXERCISED BY THE MASSES WORKING THROUGH THE POPULAR COMMITTEES AND CONGRESSES. HE CALLED UPON THE WORKERS "IMMEDIATELY" AND "DIRECTLY" TO SEIZE THE FACTORIES AND PRODUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS THEREBY "TURNING THEMSELVES INTO PARTNERS." THIS IN EFFECT ORDERED IMPLEMENTATION OF A MAJOR ECONOMIC PRECEPT OF HIS "GREEN BOOK" CONTAINED IN THE SLOGAN: "PARTNERS, NOT HIRED HANDS." SINCE THE SPEECH, RADIO TRIPOLI HAS ANNOUNCED THE "TAKEOVER" OF NUMEROUS FACTORIES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT LIBYA.

3. ON ARAB AFFAIRS, QADHAFI MENTIONED THAT HIS SIX ATTEMPTS TO FOSTER ARAB UNITY HAD BROUGHT THE IDEAL CLOSER DESPITE THEIR OSTENSIBLE FAILURE. HE ADMITTED THAT THE LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNITY ENVISIONED BY THE JARBA DECLAR-

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TION HAD BEEN MADE "INEFFECTIVE TEMPORARILY" BUT ADDED THAT IN THE LONG RUN "NOBODY CAN STOP ITS EFFECTIVENESS."

4. QADHAFI REITERATED HIS VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL AND TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE DECLARED THAT LIBYA WILL "TEAR UP" ANY AGREEMENT SIGNED BY A "DEVIATOR (READ SADAT) FROM THE WILL OF THE ARAB PEOPLE," WHETHER IT IS SIGNED IN "JERUSALEM, THE AMERICAN BLACK HOUSE (A PLAY ON WORDS IN ARABIC) OR IN DAVID'S STABLE." REAFFIRMING HIS POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL, QADHAFI STATED THAT LIBYA ONLY RECOGNIZED THE PRESENCE IN ISRAEL OF THOSE ORIENTAL JEWS WHO HAD LIVED IN PALESTINE PRIOR TO 1948.

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5. TURNING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, QADHAFI REAFFIRMED LIBYA'S SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE ADDED THAT LIBYA CANNOT ABANDON ITS ROLE IN THIS STRUGGLE AND SAID THAT "HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS" ARE BEING TRAINED IN LIBYA AND SENT TO FIGHT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE REMARKED FURTHER THAT THE LIBYAN PEOPLE MUST SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING THESE MOVEMENTS AND -- THROUGH THE POPULAR CONGRESSES -- MUST TURN LIBYA INTO A CONFRONTATION STATE ALONGSIDE MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER STATES AND MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA.

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6. AT THE END OF HIS SPEECH, QADHAFI REFERRED TO THE MIG 25S WHICH HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE AIR SHOW EARLIER IN THE DAY (REFTEL), AND SAID THAT LIBYA APPRECIATED THE SINCERE ROLE "PLAYED BY THE USSR IN ENABLING US TO GET THE MOST MODERN WEAPONS IN THE WORLD." ADDITIONAL KUDOS WERE LAUDED ON THE YUGOSLAVS, POLES, CZECHS, ROMANIANS, HUNGARIANS, BULGARIANS, AND OTHERS WHO HELPED, TOGETHER WITH THE USSR, TO EQUIP AND TRAIN THE LIBYAN FORCES. QADHAFI ALSO GREETED THE PAKISTANIS AS "BROTHERS," NOT

AS FOREIGNERS, PRESUMABLY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE.

7. COMMENT. QADHAFI'S REMARKS ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST WERE A RESTATEMENT OF STANDARD LIBYAN POLICY. OF GREATER INTEREST LOCALLY WERE HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE WORKERS TO SEIZE THEIR FACTORIES. PRODUCTIVE COMPANIES (AND NOT SERVICE COMPANIES) ARE APPARENTLY THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES AFFECTED, ALTHOUGH ALL MAJOR HOTELS IN TRIPOLI HAVE BEEN "SEIZED" AS WELL. IN ANY EVENT, LIBYA IS IN THE MIDST OF THE RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS WHICH FOLLOW THE END OF RAMADAN, AND THE IMPACT OF QADHAFI'S ORDER WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL NEXT WEEK AT THE EARLIEST. THIS IMPACT MAY TURN OUT TO BE MINIMAL. QADHAFI HAS SCORED PROPAGANDA POINTS BY TAKING HIS "GREEN BOOK" IDEOLOGY ONE STEP FURTHER, BUT ACCORDING TO THE LIBYAN MANAGER OF ONE OF THE NATIONAL COMPANIES, THE SEIZURE OF THE PLANTS ESSENTIALLY MEANS THE RESIGNATION OF THE OLD POPULAR COMMITTEES AND THE "ELECTION" OF NEW ONES. MOST MANAGERS SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. WHERE THE PARTNERSHIP ELEMENT COMES IN IS NOT CLEAR. FACTORIES ARE ALREADY GOVERNMENT-OWNED IN LIBYA, AND MANY HAVE LITTLE OR NO PROFITS TO SHARE WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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